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Recruiting District Headquarters in Targu Jiu

1. The recruiting district headquarters in Targu Jiu (R 25/V 42) had jurisdiction in the Comitate of Gorj and was assigned in 1948 to the IIq 1st LD, which was located in Timisoara (R 16/T 91) and commanded by Lieutenant General Damian Rascu.
2. The recruiting district headquarters was located in the only barracks installation of the town, about 1 km east of the town center, on the north side of the road to Preajba Mare (R 25/V 52). Besides the headquarters, the APACA army tailor shops, the military post headquarters and the 31st Inf Regt were located at this installation.
3. In February 1950, the commanding officer of the recruiting district headquarters was Lieutenant Colonel Eugen Negreanu. Major Vasile Stan, the political officer, was transferred to the Higher Political Directorate of the War Ministry in the summer of 1948. In the fall of 1948, Lieutenant Colonel Dobrovolski, (fmu), was supply officer. Until November 1949, Captain Haralambie Florescu was SIA officer. He was sent to the U.S.S.R. to complete his studies.
4. The recruiting district headquarters comprised several sections, of which the following were remembered:
 - a. First Section: Registration for the draft. The section was headed by Major Nicolae Chindea until November 1949. After induction the files of the registered recruits were turned over to the Second Section.
 - b. Second Section: Mobilization, training of reservists, files. The section kept the files on all members of the various classes. Its missions also included inductions for reservist training periods, preparation of induction orders in the event of mobilization, handling of discharge matters, preparation of march orders,

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drafting of guard schedules for the military objects in the area of the recruiting district headquarters, and the custody of all the secret files of the headquarters. The Second Section comprised the following offices:

- (1) Office 3: Requisitions. Registration of motor vehicles, horses and horse-drawn vehicles.
- (2) Office 4: Searches. The search operations covered all persons who had disregarded orders of the recruiting district headquarters, and deserters.
- (3) Office 5: Pensions. The records of payments to war widows, orphans and invalids were kept in this office. *

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c. Adjutant's office

The personal files of officers and NCOs were kept at this office and all correspondence was checked there. The activities of all the departments of the headquarters were supervised by the adjutant's office.

d. Military Estates Section, headed by Captain Dumitru Poparda. The military real estate in the area of the recruiting district headquarters was administered in this office.

e. Finance Section.

f. Supply Section.

5. The headquarters company of the recruiting district headquarters was equipped with model ZB light machine guns, Beretta submachine guns and model ZB rifles. It also had a passenger car, a truck and a park of 30 to 40 almost unusable motor vehicles dating from the war. Horse-drawn vehicles were also available.

6. The recruiting district headquarters was also charged with the security and inspection of supply installations, including the ammunition dump in Curtisoara (R 25/V 52); the ammunition dump in Targu Carbunesti (R 23/24/V 61), which had a guard detail of its own; the ammunition dump in Rudiceni (R 25/V 51); the ammunition dump of the Targu Jiu military post, which was located about 800 meters north of the barracks buildings occupied by the 31st Inf Regt, which was responsible for the guard details assigned to the dump; and the forage depot in Vadeni (R 25/V 52).

31st Infantry Regiment.

7. The 31st Inf Regt was assigned to the 2nd Inf Div in Craiova (R 33/34/A 83). Its commanding officer, Colonel Cristea, (fmu), retired in 1949. Its officers included Captain Buluica, (fmu), political officer; Lieutenant Colonel Ioan J. Popescu, chief of staff; Lieutenant Colonel Vantu, (fmu), supply officer; and Captain Petrescu, (fmu), veterinary officer. The target range of the Targu Jiu military post adjoined the barracks installation of the regiment on the east. **

8. The regiment was composed of three infantry battalions, a regimental artillery unit, a regimental school and a supply organization.

9. The officers of the regiment included Major Popescu, (fmu), commanding officer of 1st battalion, and Captains Cochilite, (fmu), Hanzuica, (fmu), and Dumitru Muraru, commanding officers of components of the regimental artillery unit. Major Gheorghe Popescu was CO of the regimental artillery unit.

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25X1 * [redacted] Comment. The organization of the recruiting district headquarters as mentioned in the present report does not seem to be quite correct, since too many functions were reportedly assigned to the Second Section. [redacted]

25X1 It is possible that source did not remember all details exactly since several years have elapsed since he was attached to this headquarters.

25X1 ** [redacted] Comment. The 31st Inf Regt was confirmed in Targu Jiu up to May 1950. [redacted]
According to unconfirmed information, it was transferred to Turnu Severin in May 1950. [redacted]

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